

**FIRST 5 PLACER COUNTY  
CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES COMMISSION (CFC)**

**Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2003**

Shiloh Center  
905 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA.

**AMENDED MINUTES**

**Attendees (Commissioners & Staff):**

**Jill Harper**, Chair, Commissioner & PCOE Administrator of Child Development Programs  
**Tamara Lieberman**, Vice Chair, Commissioner & Tahoe Community Foundation  
**Raymond Merz**, Commissioner & Director of Placer County Health & Human Services  
**Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin**, Commissioner & Director for the CA Institute for Mental Health  
**Dr. Richard Burton**, Commissioner & Placer County Health Officer  
**Mindy Danovaro**, Commissioner, Director of Development and Outreach, CALSTAR  
**Christiana Darlington**, County Counsel  
**Don Ferretti**, CFC Coordinator & HHS Administration  
**Nancy Baggett**, CFC Staff Systems Analyst, HHS Administration  
**Bobbie Reagan**, CFC Administrative Staff, HHS Administration

**Commissioners & Staff Not in Attendance:**

**Harriet White**, Commissioner & Board of Supervisors – District 3

**Public Attendees:**

**David Gray**, Placer Institute  
**Francine Nunes**, PCOE Childcare Local Planning Council  
**Veronica Vasquez**, UCCE-Nutrition Best  
**Getta Dolinsek**, WPUSD-PCN  
**Janette Lovejoy**, PCOE Child Care Services  
**Al Millan**, WarmLine Family Resource Center  
**Chris Jensen**, Placer County Grand Jury  
**Sherry Chesney**, Placer County Grand Jury  
**Alice Crotty**, Placer County Grand Jury

## **Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Harper at 4:41 p.m.

### **I. Public Comment**

Persons may address the Commission on items not on this agenda. Please note that although the Commission is very interested in your concerns, the California Brown Act prohibits the Commission from taking any action at this meeting on items not published on this agenda.

Three members of the Grand Jury were introduced. All participants at the CFC meeting were then introduced to the members of the Grand Jury.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from meeting held November 13, 2003**

**Motion to approve the November 13, 2003 meeting minutes.**

Lieberman / Naylor-Goodwin / Unanimous. No discussion followed.

### **III. Commission Action Items**

1. Approval of 2004 Commission Officers – During the November Commission meeting a slate of officers was nominated for the 2004 calendar year. The slate is Commissioner Lieberman for Chair and Commissioner Naylor-Goodwin as Vice Chair. Action is requested to approve this slate.

**Motion to approve Commissioner Lieberman for Chair and Commissioner Naylor-Goodwin for Vice Chair as a slate.**

Merz / Burton / Unanimous. No discussion followed.

2. The Community Resource Committee (CRC) requests action on the following items:

- **Early Childhood Relationship Support Project.** The CRC members met several times to review outcome data and a plan for this projects sustainability. The result of the meetings is a recommendation that the Commission allocate \$111,230 to continue services provided by the Early Relationship Support Project through June 30, 2004. Also, the CRC requests that the Commission allocate an additional \$16,824 to enable the project management to better pursue the systems change outcome and implement the projects sustainability plan. Thus, the total recommended amount for this project through June 30, 2004 is \$128,054.

**Motion to approve funding through June 30, 2004 in the amount of \$128,054 for the Early Relationship Support Project.**

Naylor-Goodwin / Lieberman / Unanimous. No discussion followed.

- **WarmLine Family Resource Center.** The CRC requests approval of a request from the WarmLine Family Resource Center in the amount of \$5,000 to provide family-centered multi-linguistic and culturally respectful support, information, and referral for families of children with special needs. The anticipated outcome for this project will be an improved awareness of essential services so that families who have children with special needs will have greater access to those services in a timely fashion.

**Motion to approve the request from the WarmLine Family Resource Center in the amount of \$5,000 to provide family-centered multi-linguistic and culturally respectful support, information, and referral for families of children with special needs.**

Merz / Burton / Unanimous. No discussion followed.

- **Action on Filling Commission Seat.** Commissioner Harper's term on the Commission will end December 31, 2003. At the Commission's request the CRC reviewed applications received for the vacant seat and will make a recommendation to the Board to Supervisors, as the Board is the appointing authority.

**Motion to approve the appointment of David Gray to the vacated seat by recommendation of the CRC.**

Discussion followed with Commissioner Merz requesting the top five candidates previously interviewed by the CRC also be interviewed by all of the Commission at the January CFC meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m. instead of the regular scheduled time of 4:30 p.m.

The above motion was deferred until the January CFC meeting at which time, after interviewing the top five candidates, a candidate will be selected for recommendation by the Commission and then be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

#### **IV. Commissioner Reports**

Mindy Danovaro – Attended a meeting on behalf of Placer County for the Children's Health Initiative. Commissioner Danovaro commented on how positive the meeting was and that they were extremely excited that Placer was looking at the whole picture. No commitments were made at the meeting, which was just for exploring options in providing health care to all children 0-5 and possibly 0-18. There has been a regional group of counties working on this project for about a year or so, and Placer County has just recently come to the table to explore this issue with them. The other participating counties include Yolo, Yuba, Sacramento, and El Dorado. They recently received a Packard Grant to assist in the whole process. If Placer wants to participate they will be giving us part of the grant.

**Commissioner White asked what our participation would mean?**

Commissioner Danovaro answered that if we decided to move forward and look at a health plan for children 0-5 under First 5 and decided to participate then it would turn into a regional plan. This being the first time a regional approach has ever been done. Clarification of the “plan” was made as meaning “health insurance coverage.”

The five counties will be looking at how to solve this issue for ALL children. If Placer decided to participate State First 5 would provide some dollars along with Placer County First 5. Don commented that it would be a good idea to get the people together in our county that have already been working on this issue for many years to see what the thinking is and exactly where we stand today.

Jill Harper – Commended Commissioner Danovaro on attending these meetings, and noted that she also has been representing us at the association at the State level. Thank you very much Mindy.

Tamara Lieberman – There was a meeting today of the Dental Task Force with Gail Tondettar and Alison Lehman from Nevada County sharing the lead of the organization. The meeting was very well organized, and addressed the main issue of rebuilding the Dental Task Force.

Jill Harper – She stated that today is her last CFC meeting and it has been a real honor to serve on the Commission during it’s infancy and participate in guiding it through the growing pains. Commissioner Harper has great faith in all of the group to continue going forward. She was very impressed with the abundance and qualifications of the new applicants applying for her vacated seat. Commissioner Lieberman presented Commissioner Harper with a plaque that reads, “Presented to Jill Harper in appreciation of your hard work and dedication to improve the lives of children and their families in Placer County.” Cake and coffee will be available after the meeting.

**V. Advisory Committee Reports:**

**Community Collaborative of Tahoe/Truckee – Kim Bradley**

Kim was not in attendance – no report given.

Commissioner Lieberman added that Susan Fernandes applied to the ~~Music Foundation~~ Truckee/Tahoe Community Foundation for a small grant to purchase get some musical instruments materials. A foundation funder with money asked us how they could donate money to “early childhood.” Commissioner Lieberman told them “music!” They are very interested in the idea and requested a proposal. Susan is putting together one to take the early pre-school and kindergarten music program education to Tahoe.

### **Placer Collaborative Network – Getta Dolinick**

Getta reported that she had missed the last meeting. Commissioner Harper had attended the meeting and added that they selected their two chairpersons; Christine Nickelson from Whole Person Learning, and Cheryl Trenwith from Placer County who will be co-chairing this year. They went over past history and evaluation of the collaborative and the processes used in obtaining endorsements for people submitting grant applications. It was a re-organization meeting.

### **Childcare Local Planning Council – Francine Nunes**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Child Development Conference was held for cares participants and other childcare providers in the county. It was attended by approximately 235 people on a stormy day. Very successful outcome.

The Local Planning Council hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Partners Lunch at PCOE. Another lunch is scheduled in January 2004 and will be hosted by Fiona Tuttle.

The annual Council Retreat is scheduled for January 29, 2004. Mike Romero will be assisting in putting together the early parts of the needs assessment, and helping Francine prepare the draft, which will be given to the Council at the retreat. The Council will also be preparing a plan for next year clarifying what is to be accomplished and how to accomplish the goals.

December 12, 2003 will be the final date for applications for the Cares Project.

## **VI. Coordinator Report – Don Ferretti**

- Two productive meetings have been held with the writing teams in order to synthesize all the information from the Community Conversations and the Open Space Event. The plan is turning into more of an “action plan” than a “passive plan”. The writing teams goal is to finish by December 31, 2003 for presentation to the CRC. The CRC will then analyze the process they want the plan to go through prior to delivering to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Burton requested that when the draft goes to the CRC that all Commissioners be sent a copy. The next meeting for the writing team will be here at Shiloh on December 18, 2003 from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- The next CRC meeting is January 12, 2004, here at the Shiloh Center from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- The Child Welfare System is preparing for a re-design, the first major change in over 20 years. This re-design calls for some inclusive community involvement in implementing. Placer County is one of eleven counties, which will be an early implementer of it. Attended a meeting at the Foundation Consortium. The first five years of a child’s life falls within the realm of the Commission it would be very good to link up with the re-design in the County. A briefing on the re-design is scheduled for January 6, 2004, at the PCOE Burns Room from 12:30 to 3:30. Although there is

no funding right now, the idea is that the system is changing to where there will be earlier intervention and prevention activities that fit right into the values of the First 5 and strength based approaches. It would be great to link up with this because we try to have a balance between strength based enrichment of children as well as programs that deal with problems and this would provide a link to the deep end so that our strength based approaches might be more balanced. A definite systems change.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.